

On April 1, Governor Abbott amended the Disaster Declaration, adding Andrews, Aransas, Archer, Bee, Bell, Borden, Bosque, Brewster, Cameron, Coke, Concho, Cooke, Crane, Crockett, Culberson, Dawson, Dimmit, Duval, Ector, Edwards, Gaines, Garza, Hemphill, Hidalgo, Howard, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, Jim Hogg, Jim Wells, Kenedy, Kimble, Kleberg, Live Oak, Martin, Maverick, McCulloch, Menard, Midland, Nueces, Palo Pinto, Parker, Pecos, Presidio, Reagan, Real, Refugio, Roberts, Terrell, Tom Green, Upton, Wichita, Willacy, Winkler, Wise, Zapata, and Zavala counties.

On March 29, Governor Abbott encouraged Texans to remain vigilant and informed on weather conditions as fire danger and severe weather threaten the state.
([Complete Statement Here](#))

On March 27, Governor Abbott amended the Disaster Declaration, adding Medina County.

On March 21, Governor Abbott amended the Disaster Declaration, adding Blanco, Erath, Hood, Runnels, and Starr counties.

On March 18, Governor Abbott issued a Disaster Declaration due to an imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property in Brooks, Brown, Coleman, Comanche, Eastland, Grayson, Mason, Potter, Randall, and Williamson Counties.

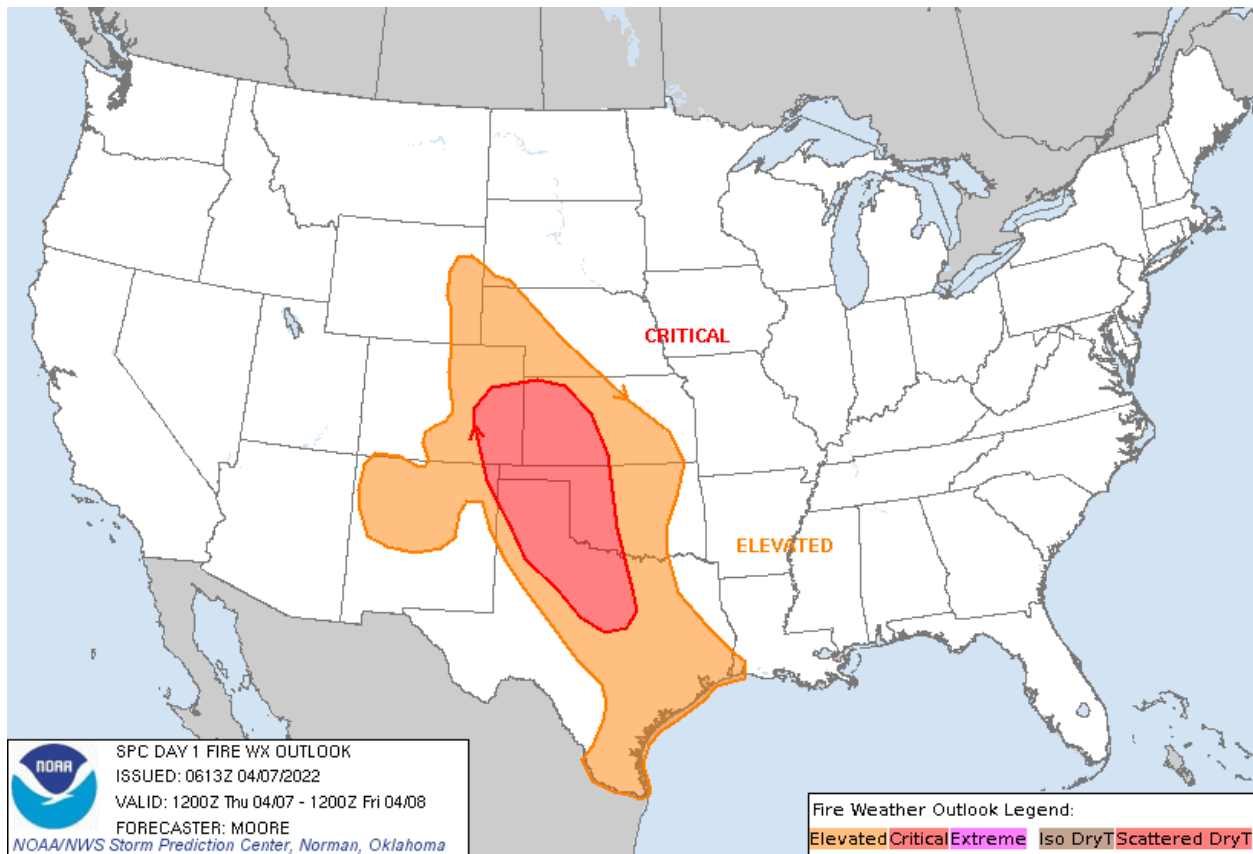
On March 16, Governor Abbott directed TDEM to activate additional state resources as escalated fire weather conditions continue to impact the state this week.

On March 15, Governor Abbott directed TDEM to mobilize state resources as Texas faces increased fire weather conditions this week.

Access damage surveys, find an evacuation shelter, and view wildfire resources
Visit our March Wildfires Disaster page for more information:
<https://www.tdem.texas.gov/disasters/2022-march-wildfires>

WEATHER:

NWS Fire Weather Outlook Valid: 7AM 4/7 to 7AM 4/8.



Day 1 Fire Weather Outlook: Today will see another round of widespread fire weather concerns from the central High Plains to the Texas Gulf Coast. A dry continental air mass continues to overspread the central CONUS with dewpoints along the High Plains in the single digits after warm, dry, and windy conditions today. An occluded surface low over the western Great Lakes will gradually shift east through the day while a surface high continues to build over the inter-mountain West. The resulting pressure gradient will support widespread 20-30 mph sustained winds across the Plains.

Southern High Plains

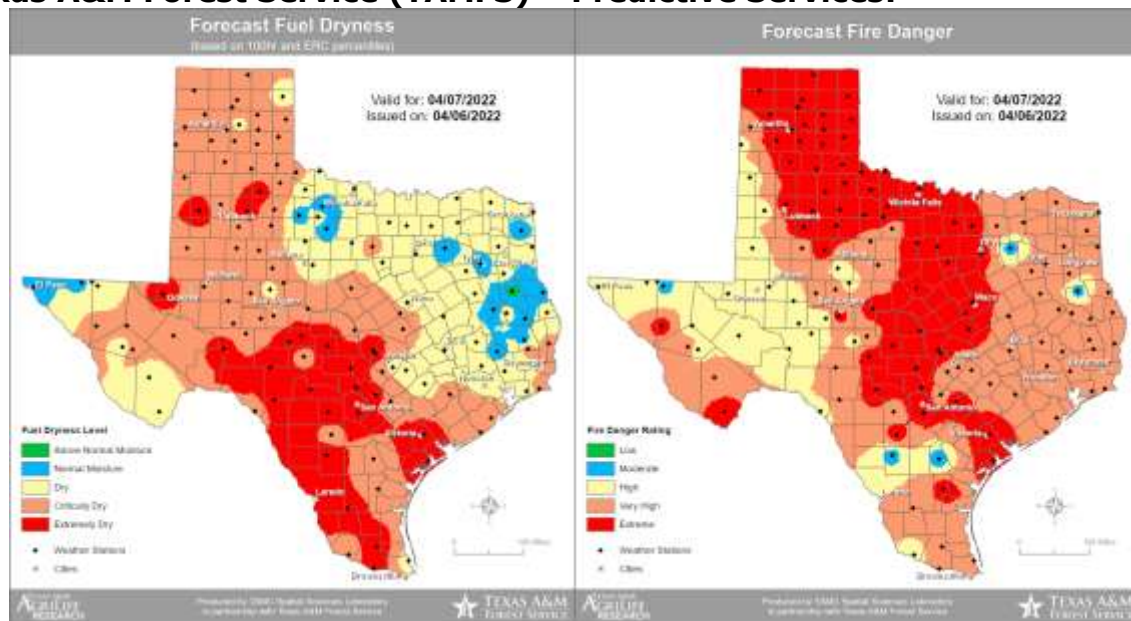
Wednesday afternoon saw widespread 20-30 mph winds from the central to southern Plains. Frequent wind gusts between 40-60 mph were noted from northwest OK into the central High Plains. Similar wind speeds are expected this afternoon as the regional pressure gradient remains in place. Locations that see mostly sunny skies by early afternoon will experience enough daytime heating/deep mixing to realize the stronger wind gusts. This appears most likely from southeast CO and southwest KS into portions of northwest TX. With single digit dewpoints noted across this region, and further downslope drying likely, RH values will fall into the low teens and support widespread critical fire weather conditions. Locations further to the northeast will see similar sustained winds (though perhaps slightly lower gusts) with RH values in the 20-30% range. Ensemble guidance suggests that sustained extremely critical conditions are unlikely, but at least periodic extreme

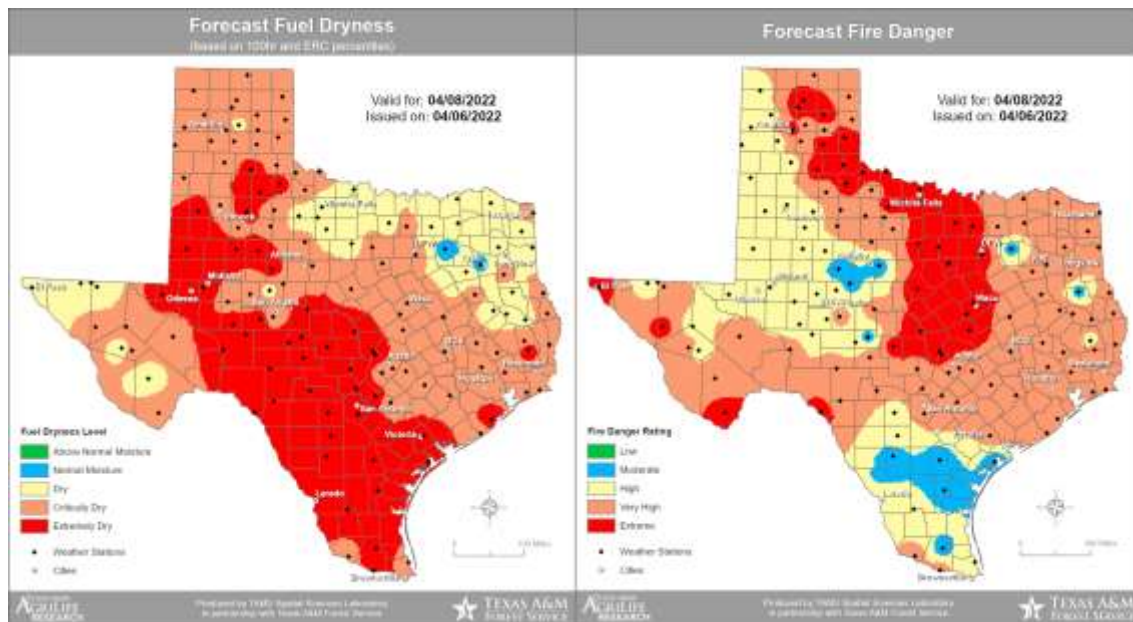
conditions are probable from southeast CO into western OK as RH dips below 10% in conjunction with the higher gusts. These conditions will likely impact locations that have seen large fire activity over the past couple of days.

Texas Gulf Coast

Breezy northerly winds between 15-20 mph will extend across central TX into the northwest Gulf. The dry air mass currently upstream across the TX Panhandle and western OK will overspread the region by peak daytime heating, allowing for RH reductions into the 20-25% range. Elevated conditions are expected, but localized critical conditions appear likely. Fuels with ERC values between the 80-90th percentiles will support the fire weather threat.

Texas A&M Forest Service (TAMFS) – Predictive Services:





OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES:

1. Protect life and property.
2. Support rapid & effective response and recovery operations.
3. Collect and disseminate accurate incident information to improve decision-making.
4. Accurately track incident costs associated with assigned resources for cost recovery.

Region 1 (Includes DDCs 4 Garland, 4 Hurst, 5, 6, and 22)

DDC 4 – Hurst (Includes: Denton, Erath, Hood, Johnson, Palo Pinto, Parker, Somervell, Tarrant, and Wise Counties).

DDC 4A Hurst raised their readiness level to Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions).

DDC 5 – Mt. Pleasant (Includes: Bowie, Cass, Delta, Franklin, Hopkins, Lamar, Morris, Red River, and Titus Counties)

DDC 5 increased their readiness level to Level III (Increased Readiness Level).

Cass County: [Cass 1617](#): 12 acres – 100% contained.

Cass County: [Cass 1754](#): 6 acres – 100% contained.

Cass County: [Cass 1907](#): 1 acre – 100% contained.

DDC 6 – Tyler (Includes: Anderson, Camp, Cherokee, Gregg, Harrison, Henderson, Marion, Panola, Rains, Rusk, Smith, Upshur, Van Zandt, and Wood Counties)

DDC 6 increased their readiness level to Level III (Increased Readiness Level).

Region 3 (Includes DDCs 19, 20, 21, and 24)

DDC 19 – Laredo (Includes: Jim Hogg, Starr, Webb, and Zapata Counties)

DDC 19 increased their readiness level to Level III (Increased Readiness Level).

DDC 20 – Corpus Christi (Includes: Aransas, Bee, Brooks, Duval, Jim Wells, Kenedy, Kleberg, Live Oak, Nueces, Refugio, and San Patricio Counties)

DDC 20 increased their readiness level to Level III (Increased Readiness Level).

Region 4 (Includes DDCs 8, 9A, 9B and 10)

DDC 8 – El Paso (Includes: Brewster, Culberson, El Paso, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, and Presidio)

Brewster County: [Paisino](#): 33 acres – 90% contained

Region 5 (Includes DDCs 1, 2, 3, and 7)

DDC 1 – Amarillo (Includes: Armstrong, Briscoe, Carson, Castro, Childress, Collingsworth, Dallam, Deaf Smith, Donley, Gray, Hall, Hansford, Hartley, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Moore, Ochiltree, Oldham, Parmer, Potter, Randall, Roberts, Sherman, Swisher, and Wheeler Counties)

DDC 1 activated to Level III at 10:00 AM on March 28.

Carson County: [100 Mile Marker](#): 3,648 acres – 100% contained

Gray County: [Sand Creek](#): 3,200 acres – 85% contained. The Gray County Sheriff's Office confirms that the town of Alanreed was being evacuated due to a fast-moving wildfire.

DDC 3 – Wichita Falls (Includes: Archer, Baylor, Clay, Cottle, Foard, Hardeman, Jack, Montague, Wichita, Wilbarger, and Young Counties)

Jack County: [Apollo](#): 45.49 acres: 100% contained.

DDC 7 – Abilene (Includes: Brown, Callahan, Coleman, Comanche, Eastland, Fisher, Haskell, Jones, Kent, Knox, Mitchell, Nolan, Runnels, Scurry, Shackelford, Stephens, Stonewall, Throckmorton, and Taylor Counties).

DDC 7 remains at Readiness Level II (Escalated Response Conditions) for wildfire activities.

Kent County: Red Rock: – 658 acres –100% contained.

Region 6 (Includes DDCs 11, 12, 17, 18A, 18B, and 23)

DDC 18A – San Antonio (Includes: Bandera, Comal, Frio, Gillespie, Guadalupe, Kendall, Kerr, and Medina Counties)

Medina County: Ranch View: 10 acres – 100% contained.

DDC 18B – ARCC/Bexar (Includes: Atascosa, Bexar, Karnes, McMullen, and Wilson Counties)

Atascosa County: Charlotte: 432 acres – 100% contained.

DDC 23 – Killeen (Includes: Bell, Coryell, Hamilton, Lampasas, Milam, Mills and San Saba Counties)

Coryell County: Crittenberg Complex – 33,175 acres – 95% contained.

RESPONDING STATE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS

Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) – Regional staff have been deployed to impacted areas to assist local officials in damage assessment and identification of needs. The SOC continues to facilitate information sharing and the coordination of response and recovery operations.

TDEM Communications Coordination Group (CCG): Communications platforms are being identified for possible support if required.

TDEM Disaster Recovery Task Force (DRTF): DRTF HQ staff continue to support mass care at the SOC and actively monitoring the weather situation. DRTF regional staff continue to support local jurisdictions affected by wildfires with damage assessments and organizing VOAD support.

TDEM Mass Care: State partners are supporting local jurisdictions from the wildfires.

TDEM State Voluntary Agency Liaison (VAL): Disaster non-profits and Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters are actively deployed and supporting jurisdictions in TDEM Regions 1, 2, 5 and 6. Planning meetings between local jurisdictions and disaster nonprofits for establishing Multi Agency Resource Centers are ongoing.

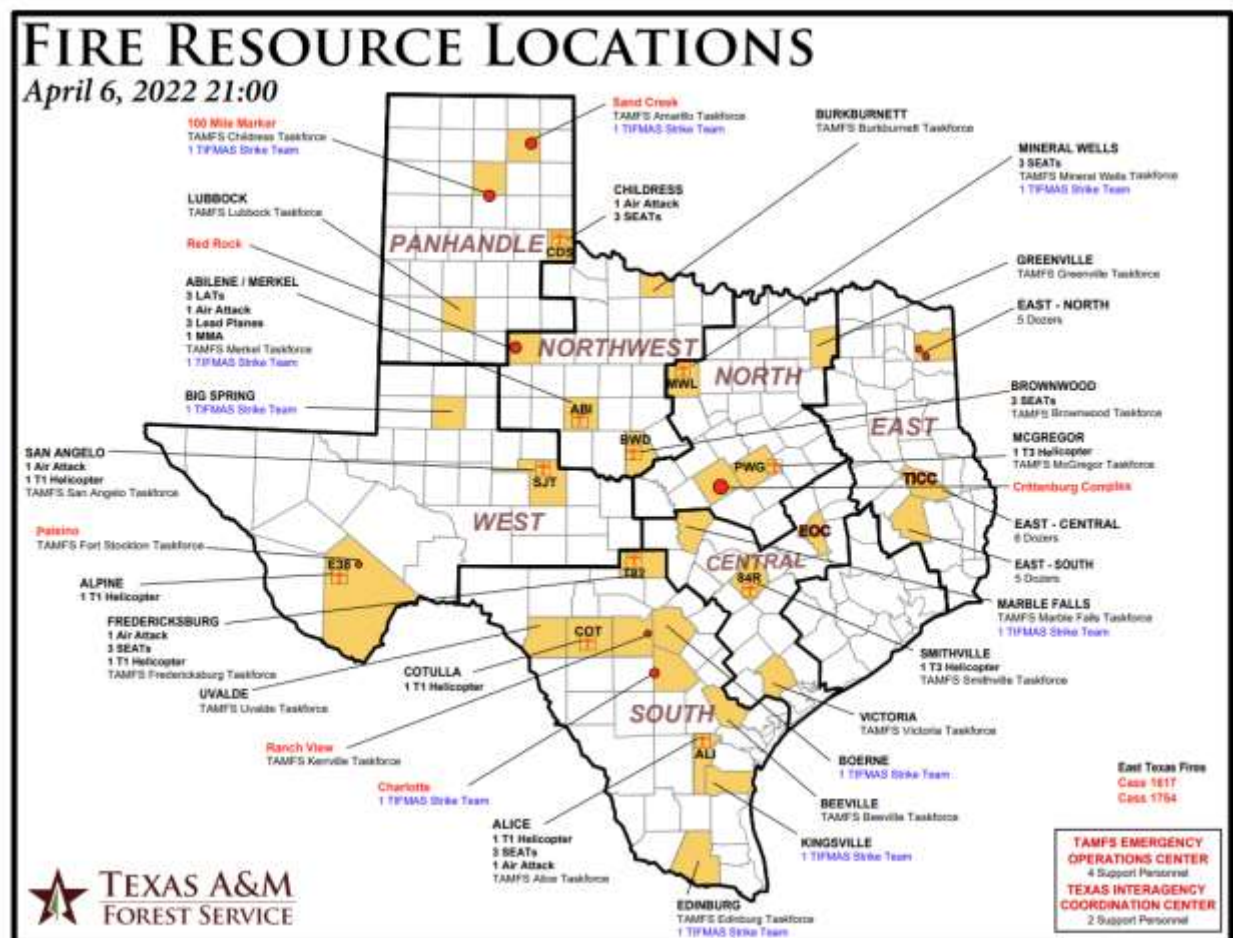
Texas Emergency Management Assistance Team (TEMAT):

The DRTF HQ staff continue to support mass care at the SOC. DRTF regional staff continue to support local jurisdictions affected by wildfires with damage assessments and organizing VOAD support.

Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service (Agrilife): Agrilife continues to maintain situational awareness of wildfire incidents across the state.

Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX)/Texas A&M Public Works Response Team (TX-PWRT): One TEEX/TX-PWRT personnel managing ESF 3 Public Works and Engineering at the Remote SOC in Austin.

Texas A&M Forest Service (TAMFS): TAMFS received five new requests for assistance with fire suppression operations on Wednesday, April 6. Incident Updates can be found here: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/>.



Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC): The PUC continues to provide a liaison to the SOC and is monitoring for any outages or other issues with electricity providers. Restoring service where practical behind the fire(s).

Railroad Commission of Texas (RRC): The RRC will continue to work with natural gas service providers throughout this event.

Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC): TAHC continues to maintain situational awareness.

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ): TCEQ has staff available to assist local governments with any air/water/waste related issues including drinking water/wastewater issues and/or emergency response activities.

Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA): TDA continues to staff the Remote SOC as needed as part of the ESF-11 Team. STAR Funds accepting donations and requests for financial assistance.

Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) – Emergency Medical Task Force (EMTF): EMTF assets are on standby.

Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT): TxDOT is staffing the remote SOC.

Texas Department of Public Safety (TXDPS): Region 6 THP San Antonio is providing personnel in Medina County to conduct roving patrol in the multiple subdivisions that were evacuated. Assisting with reentry by residents for the purpose of escorted damage assessment. Region 5 THP Eastland is providing security at the RSA in Eastland. THP personnel also providing roving/patrol security in Carbon.

Texas Military Department (TMD): On March 31, (2) UH-60 Blackhawks flew 16 hours and dropped 112 buckets for 73,920 gallons.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD): TPWD has been tasked to provide two firefighting brush trucks.

STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED

| Agency | Resource Kind and Type | Personnel | Equip | Status | Location |
|-----------------|------------------------|-----------|-------|-----------|-----------------|
| TDEM DRTF | DRTF HQ Staff | 2 | | Assigned | R-SOC |
| Agrilife, TAMUS | SOC Liaison | 1 | | Assigned | R-SOC |
| Agrilife TAMUS | AgriLife Agency Admin | 3 | | Available | Virtual |
| Agrilife, TAMUS | DAR Agents | 4 | 2 | Available | Eastland County |
| Agrilife, TAMUS | DAR Agents | 7 | | Available | Statewide |

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| Agrilife, TAMUS | Agrilife Extension Strike Team Members | 4 | | Available | Merkel |
| Agrilife TAMUS | Agrilife Extension Strike Team Members | 3 | | Available | Eastland County |
| TAMFS | Large Air Tanker (LAT) | | 2 | Available | Abilene |
| TAMFS | Aerial Supervision Aircraft (AA) | | 1 | Available | Abilene |
| TAMFS | Aerial Supervision Aircraft (ASM) | | 1 | Available | Abilene |
| TAMFS | Lead Plane | | 2 | Available | Abilene |
| TAMFS | Multi Mission Aircraft | | 1 | Available | Abilene |
| TAMFS | Type I Helicopter | | 1 | Available | Alice |
| TAMFS | AA | | 1 | Available | Alice |
| TAMFS | Single Engine Air Tanker (SEATs) | | 3 | Available | Alice |
| TAMFS | Type 1 Helicopter | | 1 | Available | Alpine |
| TAMFS | AA | | 1 | Available | Childress |
| TAMFS | SEATs | | 3 | Available | Childress |
| TAMFS | AA | | 1 | Available | Fredericksburg |
| TAMFS | SEATs | | 3 | Available | Fredericksburg |
| TAMFS | Type 1 Helicopter | | 1 | Available | Hebbronville Airport |
| TAMFS | Type 3 Helicopter | | 1 | Available | McGregor |
| TAMFS | Single Engine Air Tanker (Fire Boss) | | 3 | Available | Mineral Wells |
| TAMFS | AA | | 1 | Available | San Angelo |
| TAMFS | Type I Helicopter | | 1 | Available | San Angelo |
| TAMFS | Type 3 Helicopter | | 1 | Available | Smithville |
| TAMFS | Type 1 Helicopter | | 1 | Available | Cotulla |
| TAMFS | TAMFS Taskforce | 13 Taskforces | | Available | Various |
| TAMFS | Dozer/Tractor Plow | | 23 | Available | Various |
| TIFMAS | TIFMAS Strike Team (ST) | 25 | 5 | Available | Merkel |
| TIFMAS | TIFMAS ST | 25 | 5 | Available | Marble Falls |
| TIFMAS | TIFMAS ST | 25 | 5 | Available | Edinburg |
| TIFMAS | TIFMAS ST | 25 | 5 | Available | Big Spring |
| TIFMAS | TIFMAS ST | 25 | 5 | Assigned | Sand Creek Fire |
| TIFMAS | TIFMAS ST | 25 | 5 | Released | Charolette Fire |
| TIFMAS | TIFMAS ST | 25 | 5 | Available | Mineral Wells |

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| TIFMAS | TIFMAS ST | 25 | 5 | Released | 100 Mile Marker Fire |
| TIFMAS | TIFMAS ST | 25 | 5 | Available | Boerne |
| TIFMAS | TIFMAS ST | 25 | 5 | Available | Kingsville |
| TIFMAS | TIFMAS Coordinators | 2 | | Available | College Station & Merkel |
| TIFMAS | Overhead | 2 | | Available | Mineral Wells & Brownwood |
| TEEX/TX-TF1 & 2 | ESF 9 SOC LNO | 1 | | Assigned | R-SOC |
| TEEX/TX-PWRT | SOC Liaison | 1 | 1 | Assigned | R-SOC |
| TAHC | SOC Representative | 1 | | Assigned | R-SOC |
| DSHS EMTF | SOC Liaison | 1 | | Available | R-SOC |
| DSHS EMTF | Wildland Fire Pkg | 5 | | Standby | EMTF 9 |
| PUC | SOC Liaison | 1 | | Assigned | R-SOC |
| RRC | SOC Liaison | 1 | | Assigned | R-SOC |
| TCEQ | SOC Liaison | 1 | | Assigned | R-SOC |
| TCEQ | DDEOC Liaison | 1 | | Assigned | Abilene |
| TDA | SOC Liaison | 1 | | Assigned | R-SOC |
| TxDOT | SOC Liaison | 1 | | Assigned | R-SOC |
| TxDOT | Fuel Support | 8 | | Assigned | Kinney, Real and Hemphill Counties |
| TxDOT | Light Towers | | 2 | Assigned | Eastland County |
| TXDPS | SOC Liaison | 1 | | Assigned | R-SOC |
| TMD | Rotary Wing (Medium MRP) | 16 | 2 | Assigned | Austin |
| TPWD | SOC Liaison | 1 | | Assigned | R-SOC |

FINAL COMMENTS: The State Operations Center (SOC) remains at Level II (Escalated Response Conditions) for COVID-19 pandemic response with additional staffing for Wildfire Outbreak response and recovery. The Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) continues to monitor these situations and will provide additional situation reports as needed.

The four levels of SOC activation are:

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| Level I | (Emergency Conditions) |
| Level II | (Escalated Response Conditions) |
| Level III | (Increased Readiness Conditions) |
| Level IV | (Normal Conditions) |

This Situation Report can be found on the TDEM webpage at:
<https://tdem-web.webflow.io/response/state-operations-center#tab-2>

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